

**PALM BEACH COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL  
FINAL SUMMARY MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 26, 2013 - 9:30 a.m.**

Clayton Hutchinson Agricultural Center  
Exhibit Hall "B"  
559 North Military Trail  
West Palm Beach, Florida

**Members Present**

Chief Stephen Stepp, Chairman, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Chief Dan Alexander, Vice Chairman, Boca Raton Police Department  
Chief Robert Mangold, Atlantis Police Department  
Chief Jeffrey Katz, Boynton Beach Police Department  
Chief Anthony Strianese, Delray Beach Police Department  
(Represented by Assistant Chief Jeffrey Goldman)  
Chief Brian Smith, Juno Beach Police Department  
Chief Frank Kitzerow, Jupiter Police Department  
Chief Sean Scheller, Lantana Police Department  
Chief Carmen Mattox, Manalapan Police Department  
Chief Richard Jenkins, North Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Christopher Yannuzzi, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Director Kirk Blouin, Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Duncan Young, Palm Beach Shores Police Department  
(Represented by Sergeant Dave Kelley)  
Chief Thomas A. Ceccarelli, Palm Springs Public Safety Department  
Chief Vincent Demasi, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Sheriff Ric Bradshaw, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
(Represented by Chief Deputy Michael Gauger)  
Chief Larry Leon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Duane Little, Special Agent Supervisor, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Mike Waites, Chief Investigator, State Attorney's Office 15th Judicial Circuit  
Major Camille Soverel, Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission  
Timothy Donovan, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
(Representative)  
John McKenna, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration  
Edward Thompson, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
Glen Wilner, Assistant Chief, U.S. Marshals Service  
Michael Fagan, Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service  
Karen Hanlon, Federal Security Director, Transportation Security Administration  
Frank Miller, Patrol Agent in Charge, U.S. Border Patrol

**Members Absent**

Director Michael Porath, Greenacres Department of Public Safety  
Chief Garrett Ward, Gulf Stream Police Department  
Chief Craig Hartmann, Highland Beach Police Department  
Interim Chief John Pruitt, Jupiter Inlet Colony Police Department  
Chief Wes Smith, Lake Clarke Shores Police Department  
Chief Clarence Williams III, Riviera Beach Police Department  
Chief Roger M. Crane, South Palm Beach Police Department  
Chief Christopher Elg, Tequesta Police Department  
Major Luis Ramil, Florida Highway Patrol

Chief Charles Lowe, Florida Atlantic University Police Department  
Major Carol Owsiany-Himmel, Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco  
Lieutenant Anthony Stafford, State Fire Marshall's Office  
Robert Shirley, Resident Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
George Sanders, Supervisory Special Agent in Charge, Internal Revenue Service

### **Advisory Members Present**

Director Larry Schroeder, Criminal Justice Institute of Palm Beach State College  
Hon. Dave Aronberg, State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Joni Livingston, CJSTC Field Specialist, Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator, Florida Department of Corrections  
Julie Hogan, Deputy Statewide Prosecutor, Attorney General's Office of Statewide Prosecution

### **Advisory Members Absent**

Dr. Michael Bell, Palm Beach County Medical Examiner  
Gregory Starling, Chief Probation Officer, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice  
Rolando Garcia, Deputy Chief, U.S. Attorney's Office

### **Guests**

Major Tony Araujo, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
Lieutenant Hal Hutchins, Ocean Ridge Police Department  
Ernesto Gutierrez, HIDTA  
Tina Heysler, Delray Beach Police Department  
Yasmin Rivera, Florida Department of Corrections  
Major Geoff Branch, Florida Department of Financial Services Division of Insurance Fraud  
Scott Nugent, Director, Fusion Center  
Erica Reuter, Information and Analysis Manager, Boca Raton Police Department  
Assistant Chief Michele Miuccio, Boca Raton Police Department  
Matt Immler, Legal Adviser, Boca Raton Police Department  
Captain Tom Mitchell, Delray Beach Police Department  
Major Amy Walling, Jupiter Police Department  
Colonel Jim Stormes, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
James Somohano, HIDTA  
Gene Sapino, Delray Beach Police Department  
Joe Hart, Delray Beach Police Department  
Captain Michael Coleman, Delray Beach Police Department  
Jenise Link, Manager of Court Services, PBC Public Safety  
Commander Pat McCutcheon, Palm Beach County School District Police Department  
Gwenette Newburg, Florida Department of Corrections  
Katherine Viera, Florida Department of Corrections  
Scott Scheinhaus, Florida Department of Corrections  
Clay Walker, Community Development Administrator, Department of Children and Families  
Steven Randerson, Asst. Federal Security Director for Law Enforcement, Transportation Security Administration  
Commander Robert Hagerty, Lantana Police Department  
Sharon Wade Edmonds, Florida Department of Corrections  
Cristy Altaro, Alternative Sanctions Coordinator, Court Administration  
Assistant Chief Mary Santos-Olsen, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Major Chris Smith, Jupiter Police Department  
Captain Dave Bernhardt, West Palm Beach Police Department  
Assistant Chief Rick Facchine, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Assistant Chief Clint Shannon, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Mike Edmondson, Executive Assistant, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Stewart Saalfeld, Court Program Specialist II, Court Administration  
Penny Anderson, Senior Coordinator, ISS - LEX Project  
Denise Vidal-Bennette, Senior Manager, ISS - LEX Project  
Michele Nelson, Director, Clerk & Comptroller Palm Beach County  
Jeff Kadel, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Substance Abuse Coalition  
Jessica Minei, Senior Crime Analyst, Palm Beach Gardens Police Department  
Jim Kelly, Executive Director, Palm Beach County Association of Chiefs of Police  
Greg Kridos, Chief of Intake, State Attorney's Office, 15th Judicial Circuit  
Sergeant Mike Barbera, Jupiter Police Department

## CJC Staff Present

Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director  
Katherine Hatos, Senior Criminal Justice Analyst  
Danielle Ouellette, Student Intern

- I. Welcome and opening comments by Chief Stephen Stepp, Chairman
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval and/or additions to the agenda  

The September 26, 2013 agenda was approved.
- V. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2013  

The minutes of the August 22, 2013 meeting was approved.
- VI. Chairman's Comments  

Congratulations to Chief Jeffrey Katz of the Boynton Beach Police Department.
- VII. Presentations
  - a. **Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force Mobile Joint Information Center:** *Mike Jachles, Public Information Officer of the Broward Sheriff's Office and Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue & Mark Economou, Public Information Officer of the Boca Raton Police Department*  

Mr. Jachles presented an overview of the Southeast Regional Domestic Security Task Force Mobile Joint Information Center (JIC). He also introduced Mr. Economou as his co-chair in the task force. The region includes Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe counties, covering two major television markets – Palm Beach and Miami-Fort Lauderdale. The technology was rolled just under a year ago. It provides a workspace to coordinate information at large scale incidents, major scenes, and multi-jurisdictional exercises and drills. The joint media workgroup is an umbrella over other workgroups, e.g., the South Florida coalition and the Palm Beach coop, which serves to facilitate communication between PIOs and the media. Mr. Jachles gave a detailed description of the unit and available technology. The JIC is a 34 foot trailer built from donated funds. It is housed at the City of Coral Springs Police Department, but it is a regional asset that is deployable 24/7 with Region 7 workgroup PIO members for support. Their goal is to deploy and be on site within two hours of the request in the tri-county area.

Mr. Jachles invited anyone interested to attend their trainings and take a tour of the JIC unit in the parking lot after the meeting.

b. **Residency Restrictions:** *Michael Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Criminal Justice Commission (Presented out of order, after VII d.)*

Mr. Rodriguez reminded everyone that the Reentry Task Force and its Sex Offender subcommittee, and the CJC at its Annual Planning Meeting voted affirmatively to pursue the idea of uniform countywide residency restrictions for sex offenders to assist law enforcement and increase public safety by effectively tracking sex offenders. He stated that the goal of effective management of sex offenders is to prevent new victims of sex crimes, with the hope of pursuing policies that reflect research and data rather than fear and public pressure. He also talked about data and studies that have been done on this issue, myths about, and assessment of sex offenders. He discussed the disparity that exists between the State, Palm Beach County, and city, village, and town laws and its implications. Mr. Rodriguez said they believe that education is more important than restrictions. He said the next step would be to bring this presentation to the League of Cities, and the Law Enforcement Workgroup, before eventually presenting it to the County. He also specially acknowledged and thanked Mr. Aronberg who had worked on this issue at the state level for several years.

Discussion and a vote followed Mr. Rodriguez's presentation. Although all of the speakers who provided their input acknowledged the reasoning behind the idea and Mr. Rodriguez's effort to bring the issue to the different groups, they however did not support the proposal. Vice-Chairman Alexander mentioned that he voted against this coming forward as a member at the planning session. Some of the reasons are philosophical, he believes in home rule, and practically, the laws do not differentiate between the offenders and that it is important to establish standards within the community. He also expressed concern about the figures. Chairman Stepp believes resources would be better spent in educating residents and children, e.g., the use of computer or internet to lure children. Director Blouin questioned the accuracy of the statistics saying that majority of sex offenders do not reoffend, and was in support of not reducing the restrictions if communities and parents feel safer when sex offenders do not live in close proximities to schools or their residence. Chief Kitzerow stated that you cannot say that we are protecting our community with 100% certainty based on data. He added that unfortunately, we live in an environment where communities react to media events, etc., and one event like this will be polarizing and will come back to law enforcement, including ramifications for the victims. Chief Leon said that the parents' reaction would want these offenders farther away from

the schools and bus stops. A motion was made and seconded, and the group voted unanimously not to support the proposal.

c. **Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition Community**

**Partnerships:** *Jeff Kadel, Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition (Presented out of order, before VII b.)*

Mr. Kadel first thanked everyone who provided support to the coalition. He talked about the accomplishments of the coalition in terms of increased funding and membership, and its success in terms of reduction in alcohol, marijuana, and prescription drug use. He also encouraged everyone and mentioned several ways to support the coalition.

d. **Halloween Notice:** *Rosalyn Baker, Circuit Administrator of the Florida Department of Corrections (Presented out of order, after VII c.)*

Ms. Baker wanted to reach out to all the law enforcement agencies to partner with their probation officers in their initiative to make sure the sexual offenders and predators in Palm Beach County are adhering to their conditions regarding contact with minors on Halloween.

VIII. New Business: No new business discussed.

IX. Old Business: No old business discussed.

X. Committee/Workgroup Reports

- a. Book and Release Committee: No report was presented.
- b. Recruitment and Retention Committee: Chief Yannuzzi announced that the email went out to begin gathering this quarter's statistics, and the report will be ready for the next meeting in October.
- c. Traffic Committee: No report was presented.
- d. Sexual Assault Response Team: No report was presented.
- e. Court Systems Task Force: No report was presented.

XI. Liaison Updates

- a. Data Sharing: Chief Kitzerow reminded everyone that the regional LEX briefing will take place after the five-minute break. He thanked Mr. Rodriguez for his work in relation to the funding of a position for LEX.
- b. Child Abuse Protocol: Chief Scheller mentioned that the next specialists' meeting is being coordinated for October 11<sup>th</sup>. He will send out an e-mail with details.

- c. Criminal Justice Commission: Vice-Chairman Alexander reported on a robust agenda and that much had been accomplished moving forward on the legislative agenda. He congratulated Rosalyn Baker who was recognized for being a recipient of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Reentry Award. He mentioned that the recommended revisions to the Marchman Act passed, relative to which one of the recommendations included that law enforcement be directed to detain individuals who leave programs in violation of a court order. He said the only suggestion was that the language be similar to Baker Act in terms of force and liability concerns for law enforcement. The recommendation was accepted as part of that. In reference to Vice-Chairman Alexander's term at the CJC, Mr. Rodriguez mentioned about the By-laws committee considering the possibility of making the LEPC position as a two-year term, to which Chief Stepp concurred. He added that there may be several ways of making that position a two- or multi-year term.
- d. Criminal Justice Institute: Director Schroeder announced a brand new full-time corrections academy. They have six academies in progress. He briefly discussed the reduction issue, e.g., trying to offer as much training as possible with less dollars. They are also offering a physical fitness instructor course.
- e. High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area: Colonel Stormes remarked that they have HIDTA representatives in attendance who will address operational issues at the follow up meeting.
- f. High School Criminal Justice Academies: Rosalyn Baker said that the school year is still very new, but she will be reaching out to everyone for speakers and surplus items. Chief Leon mentioned that the School District and Sheriff's Office partnered to have a criminal justice academy at Santaluces high school and the need for support with guest speakers.
- g. Communications/Interoperability: Chief Mangold reported that the West Palm Beach legal department is in the process of drafting a new interlocal agreement which they hope to have before the MPSCC this week, or no later than next week. MPSCC has a meeting today at 1:30 p.m.

## XII. Member Comments

Chief Kitzerow advised that at the Florida Police Chief's Executive Board of Directors' meeting last week, they voted unanimously to make the Trust Fund issue the top priority on the legislative agenda this year to restore the original rate of \$110.

## XIII. Attachments

- a. Region 7 Mobile JIC Overview (*on blue paper*)
- b. Palm Beach County Substance Awareness Coalition Snapshot (*on peach paper*)

c. Halloween Notice (*on peach paper*)

d. Residency Restrictions (*on green paper*)

XIV. Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 24, 2013